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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 7100

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PGOV, PINT, LE, PLO

SUBJECT: CALM RETURNS TO BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 7048

1. LEBANESE CAPITAL IS CALM IN JUNE 5, FOLLOWING ABATEMENT OF VIOLENCE REPORTED REFTTEL, AND TRAFFIC AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY ARE NOW NEARING NORMAL LEVELS THROUGHOUT CITY. SOLE MAJOR INCIDENT OVERNIGHT WAS BOMBING OF SUPERMARKET IN HAZMIEH SUBURB.

2. LATEST DETERIORATION IN SECURITY CONDITIONS JUNE 3-4 PROMPTED MININTERIOR BRIG. NASRALLAH, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS JUNE 4 WITH PRES FRANGIE AND PREMIER-DESIGNATE KARAME, TO ISSUE TOUGHER INSTRUCTIONS TO GOL SECURITY FORCES (FBIS JN041816Y) TO MAINTAIN CIVIL ORDER IN COOPERATION WITH LEBANESE ARMY. FOREIGN JOURNALIST WHO VISITED CHIAH QUARTER (YESTERDAY'S HOTTEST TROUBLE-SPOT) MORNING JUNE 5 INFORMED EMBOFF THAT SECURITY FORCES, REINFORCED BY ARMY UNITS, ARE PRESENT IN FORCE AND HAVE TAKEN THEIR NEW DIRECTIVES LITERALLY, DESTROYING BARRICADES AND BANISHING ARMED CIVILIAN ELEMENTS FROM STREETS. INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES ALL NOW HAVE UNAMBIGUOUS ORDERS TO FIRE UPON RECALCITRANT TROUBLE-MAKERS. AT SAME TIME, PLO REPORTEDLY HAS TAKEN MEASURES OF ITS OWN TO IMPOSE GREATER CONTROL ON FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS, FORMING "FIELD COURT" TO TRY FRANCS TIREURS AND KIDNAPPERS HAVING FEDAYEEN AFFILIATIONS. CARETAKER MILITARY GOVT HAS SIMULTANEOUSLY MOVED TO RESTORE TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT CITY, WITH PRIORITY BEING ACCORDED TO NEIGHBORHOODS WORST-AFFECTED BY RECENT STRIFE.

3. NO RPT NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS RE FORMATION OF KARAME CABINET HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED, AND LOCAL OBSERVERS DOUBT CABINET WILL BE FORMED EARLIER THAN MONDAY, JUNE 9.  
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IN KARAME'S FIVE AND HALF HOUR MEETING JUNE 4 WITH PRES FRANGIE, MININTERIOR NASRALLAH AND ARMY G-2 COL. BOUSTANY, CABINET CRISIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSSED, BUT WE UNDERSTAND MAJOR ATTENTION WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSSED, BUT WE UNDERSTAND MAJOR ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO MEASURES AIMED AT IMPROVING CIVIL ORDER. KARAME SUBSEQUENTLY REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT STABILIZATION OF SECURITY SITUATION TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS. WE

CONTINUE TO HEAR THAT KARAME, AS WELL AS OTHER "PEACE-MAKERS" (INCLUDING POSSIBLY SYRIANS AND EGYPTIANS) ARE WORKING ON KAMAL JUMBLATT TO CONVINCE HIM TO CEASE HIS INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS AND COOPERATE MORE FULLY IN CABINET-FORMING PROCESS.

4. JUMBLATT HIMSELF WAS AGAIN IN THE NEWS THIS MORNING, ALLEGING THAT REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM RE ROLE AND VIEWS OF SHIITE IMAM MUSA SADR (REFTEL) WERE "DISTORTED" BY BEIRUT PRESS.  
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